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TO: S/S - Mr. Walsh

FROM: M - Eugene V. Rostow

I attach a copy of the report of the judge who presided over the preliminary inquiry in the Liberty case. It was handed to me yesterday by Minister Evron.

He requested that this be treated on a restricted and confidential basis. He did, however, indicate that we could, if we wished, show it to interested members of Congress and others.

In response to my inquiry, he reported that Jerusalem had decided not to make any further public statement at this time, but would have no objection if we did so. I explained that my preliminary thought was that if the statement were to be made criticizing members of the Israeli Armed Forces, it would be more appropriate for it to originate with the Israeli Government than with our Government.

I said that we should reach a final decision later, after studying the decision, both on how to handle the distribution of the document, and whether to make a public statement.

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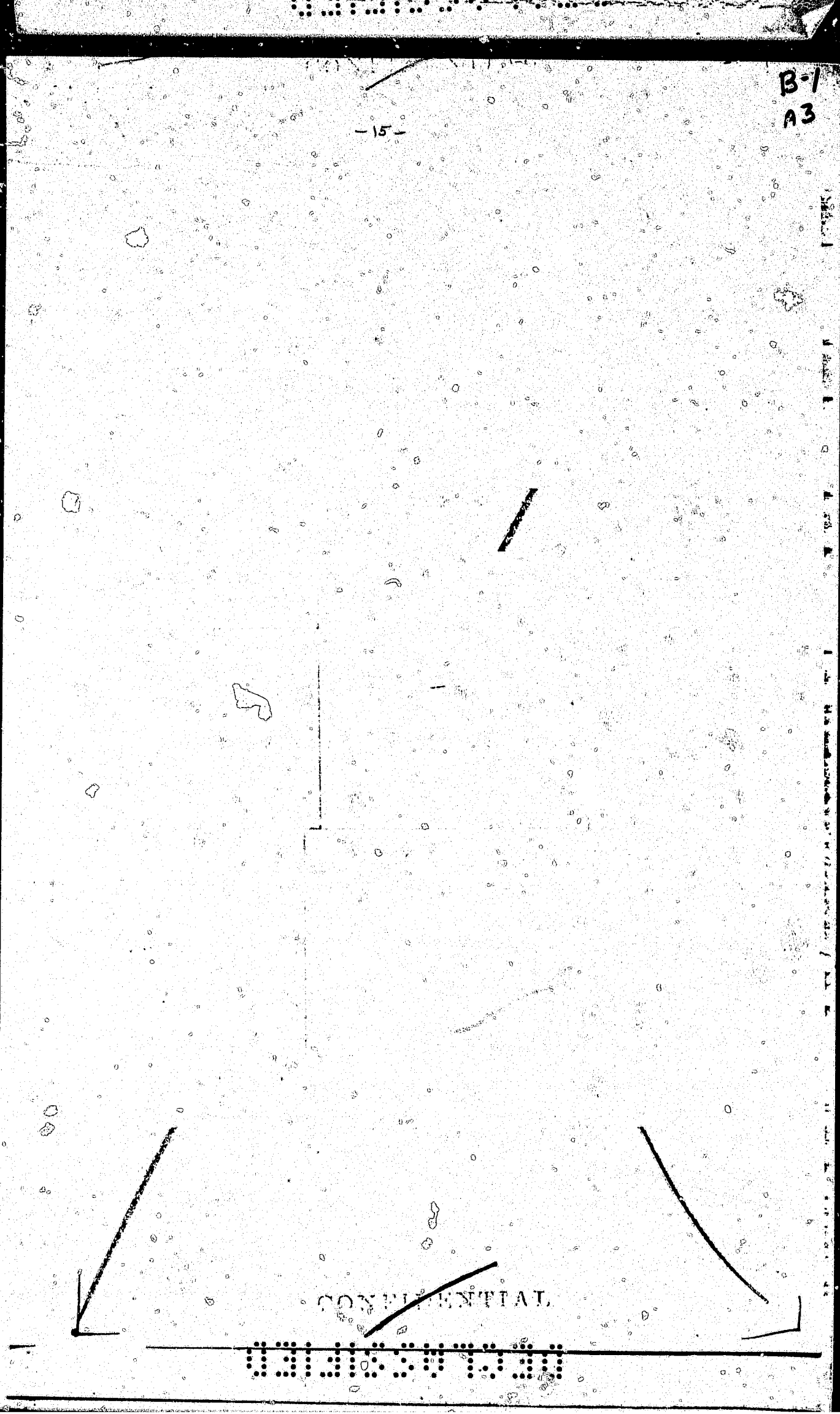

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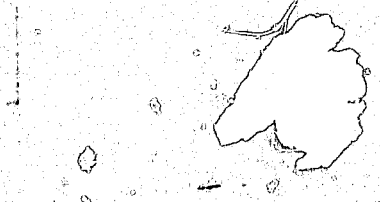

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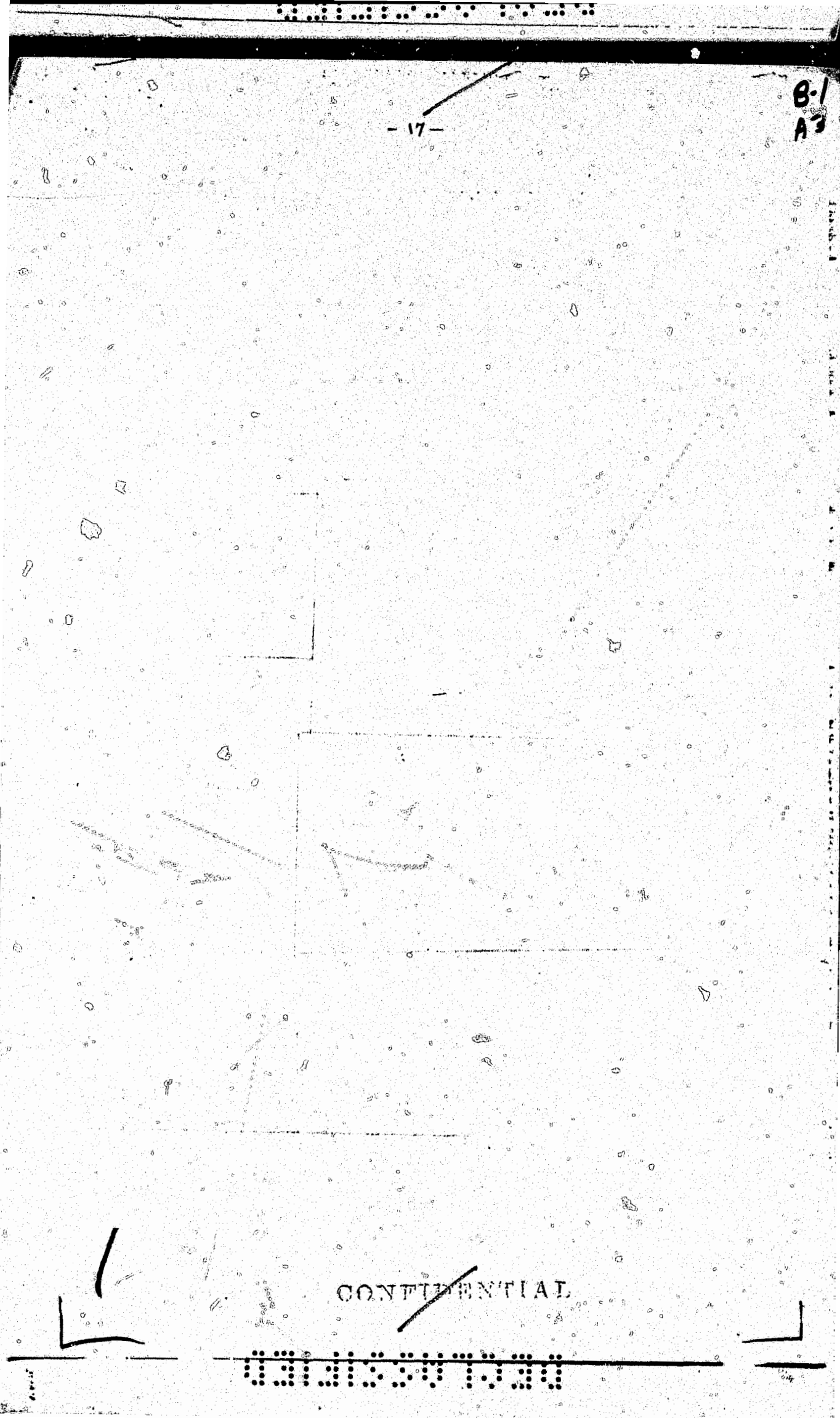

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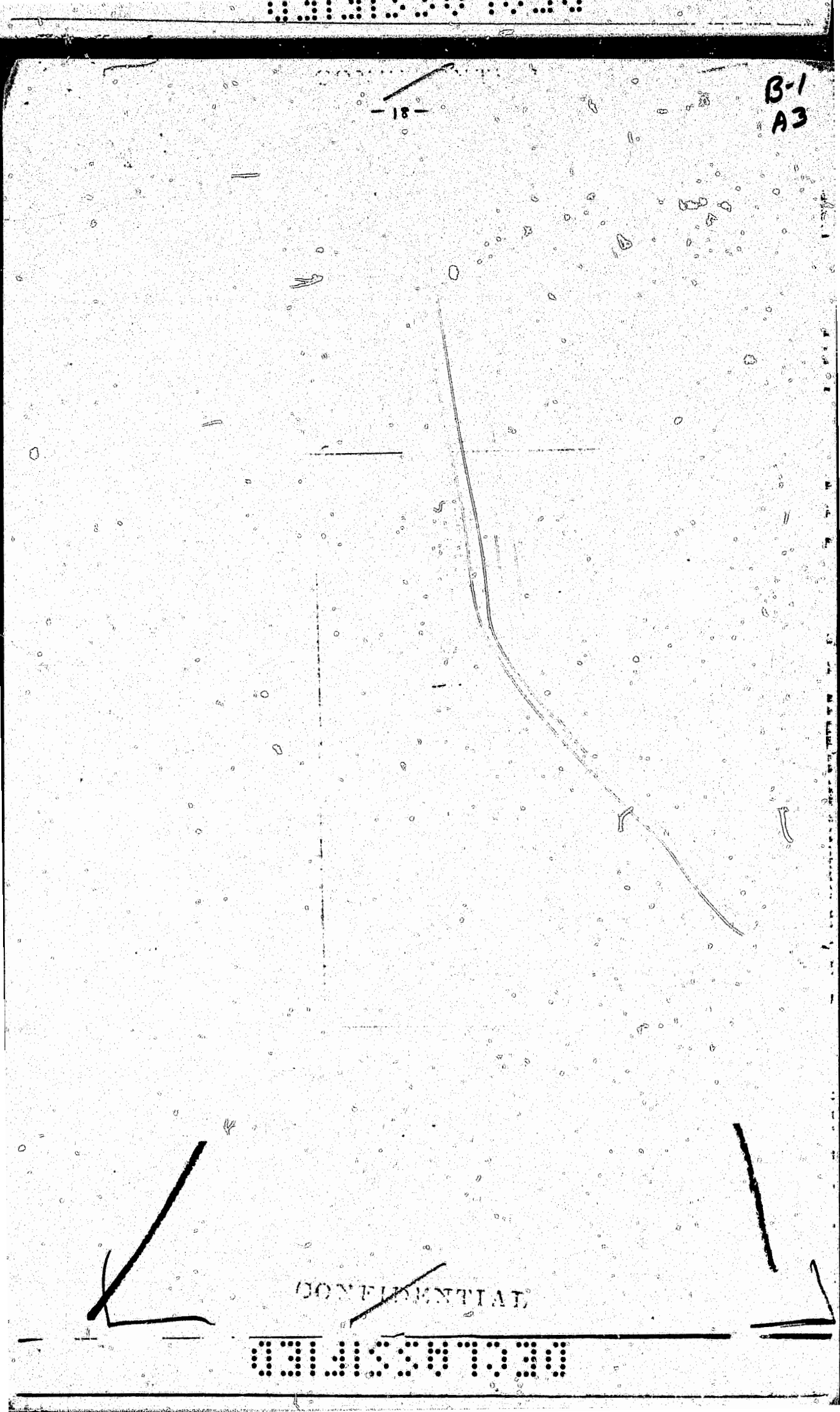

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